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Services holiday hours

The following is a list of the holiday hours for Services facilities and activities at Robins for the Fourth of July weekend:

The following services will remain open:

Fitness Center, open July 4 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Flight Line Kitchen - open
Golf Course, normal hours and tee times
Honor Guard/Mortuary Affairs/Readiness, normal hours
Lodging, normal hours
Wynn Dining Facility, normal hours

The following services will be closed July 4

Aero Club, administration and sales
Base Library
Base Restaurant
Bowling Center
CDC East & West
Civilian Recreation
Equipment Rental Center
Family Child Care
Flight Line Dining Facility (fast food)
Food Service office
Human Resource office
ITT
Marketing
Nature Center
Officers' Club
Resource Management office
Robins Japanese Grill
Skeet Range
Skills Development Center
US Veterinarian Services

The following services will be closed from July 2 to 4

Enlisted Club
Teen Center
Pizza Depot
Smith Community Center
Youth Center
The Auto Skills Center will remain open July 2 but will be closed July 3 and 4
The Wood Hobby shop will be open July 2 and 3 but will be closed July 4 and 5

ON TRACK

Aircraft Maintenance Output

The information below reflects Robins' progress toward maintenance goals for fiscal 2005 as of June 23.

C-17	13 completed; 8 scheduled; 5 unscheduled
8	goal** 12
C-5	20 completed; 15 scheduled; 8 unscheduled
16	goal 20
C-130	43 completed; 37 scheduled; 6 unscheduled
40	goal 55
F-15	72 completed; 70 scheduled; 2 unscheduled
73	goal 103

**Goal is for scheduled maintenance on-time delivery only; unscheduled aircraft don't count toward fiscal year goals.
Source: Doug Clark Jr., depot maintenance workload analyst, WR-ALCMAWWB
U.S. Air Force graphic by ANGELA TRUNZO

Rodeo roundup



U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON

Fifteen Airmen with the 19th Air Refueling Group and two 78th Security Forces Squadron Airmen return from the Rodeo competition at McChord Air Force Base, Washington, Saturday.

Black Knights named best KC-135 preflight and maintenance teams at 2005 Rodeo

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What do you get when you combine more than a dozen maintainers with two security forces officers, a KC-135 you could eat dinner off of and a competition of aeronautical skill and teamwork?

Well, you get some pretty impressive hardware according to

the Black Knights trophy count.

Welcomed home to waving banners and cheers of congratulations, a KC-135 touting its cargo "the best maintenance team in Air Mobility Command" delivered members of the 19th Air Refueling Group's Rodeo 2005 team home from McChord Air Force Base, Washington, Saturday.

Fresh from the competition focused on improving skills of air mobility professionals, the 17 member team brought home the Best KC-135 Stratotanker Preflight Team and Maintenance Team awards. The SF team of Tech. Sgt. Robert Rose and Airman 1st Class Joseph Ronchetto also performed well finishing in the top third.

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Shingo team to visit Robins

78th Air Base Wing Office of Public Affairs

This year is the first time the Shingo Prize for Excellence in Manufacturing is being offered to the public sector, and Warner Robins Air Logistics Center just might take the prize.

The air logistics center was notified this week that the Shingo team of evaluators will make a

site visit here sometime this month or next.

Earlier this year, a 100-page achievement report was submitted for the prestigious award.

All that remains is the site visit by the committee to verify information from the report and updates on what has occurred since the submission of the original report.

The Shingo award is intended to promote an awareness of Lean manufacturing concepts and to recognize companies that achieve world-class manufacturing or maintenance repair overhaul status.

The Center's submission for the prize is focused on Lean ini-

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Operation Air Force gives Air Force Academy, ROTC cadets opportunity to shadow Airmen

By HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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The Operation Air Force Program is giving Air Force Academy cadets an eye-opening experience.

Nearly 60 sophomore, junior and senior-level Air Force Academy cadets will be learning the ropes of various Air Force jobs, as cadets shadow Airmen at Robins, who have volunteered as facilitators in the mentorship program that stretches back to the service's roots.

Second Lt. Michael Irwin,



Second Lt. Michael Irwin is an Operation Air Force Program facilitator.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Capt. Christine Stanaback, a 19th Air Refueling Group pilot, talks with Air Force Academy cadets Marco Escalera, Joe DeMonte and Jeffrey Wilson.

19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Aircraft Maintenance Support Flight commander, is one of the facilitators for the program and said it gives Air Force Academy and ROTC cadets insight into their future military careers.

"The Operation Air Force program is a chance for academy and ROTC cadets to experience the Air Force first-hand," he said. "Basically, the cadets come out and latch on to a company grade officer and follow that

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AFMC vice brings close to 34-year career

By 1ST LT. LEA ANN CHAMBERS
Air Force Materiel Command Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFMCNS) – Thirty-four years of active-duty service that began with the dream of being an engineer and a flyer came to a close Thursday for Lt. Gen. Richard V. Reynolds, vice commander of Air Force Materiel Command.

General Reynolds retired during a ceremony at the National Museum of the U. S. Air Force, which followed a formal Retreat Wednesday in his honor at AFMC headquarters. During his career, General Reynolds chalked up more than 4,000 flying hours in 67 types of aircraft.

"I've spent roughly three-quarters of my career in AFMC and its predecessor Air Force Systems Command," he said. "There hasn't been a day that went by that I didn't feel lucky to be part of this great organization, doing an important job for the Air Force, air power and the cause of peace and freedom around the world."

Upon his commission from the U. S. Air Force Academy in

1971, General Reynolds attended undergraduate pilot training at Vance Air Force Base, Okla., followed by a tour of duty at Vance as a first-assignment instructor pilot. He later served as a B-52G Stratofortress aircraft commander and instructor pilot and a B-1 Lancer project test pilot.

He commanded the 4952nd Test Squadron, formerly located at Wright-Patterson, and served as program director for several strategic and tactical aircraft acquisition programs, including the B-2 Spirit.

General Reynolds was the Air Force Program Executive Officer for Airlift and Trainers at the Pentagon, was commander of the Air Force Flight Test Center at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., and, prior to serving as AFMC's vice commander, was commander of the Aeronautical Systems Center at Wright-Patterson.

The ceremony marked a culmination of events surrounding General Reynolds's retirement, including a June 29 retreat ceremony. When asked what his best memories are, General Reynolds said, "Joani and I served in many places,

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Shoplifters at Robins can face fine, jail time

By HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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If you steal at Robins, you will pay, according to base officials.

Whether it's a pack of gum at the Base Exchange or a laptop computer from work, stealing is a crime that can cost offenders fines, jail time and even their careers.

Lt. Col. Mark Strickland, 78th Air Base Wing Staff Judge Advocate, said while many may think they can get away with it, they're mistaken.

"One thing I've noticed is that people shoplift items that are worth only a couple of dollars," he said. "These are such little things that people end up going to court over. They get in trouble and lose their jobs. It's just not worth it."

According to BX officials, the store has lost more than \$2,000 in unobserved shoplifting and recovered more than \$4,000 in stolen merchandise since the beginning of the year.

BX officials said the store's surveillance system allows employees to keep an eye on the store and parking lot area.

Those caught taking items must pay for what they did,

What to know

In 2005, the 78th SFS has investigated 53 reported incidents of personal and government property theft to date. According to the Base Legal Office, 42 civilians and one military member have been prosecuted for shoplifting at the base this year. If you have information about a personal or government property theft at Robins, contact the 78th SFS Control Center 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at 926-2187.

Colonel Strickland said.

"Our approach in the legal office is that if you get caught (stealing), we're going to prosecute the case. If you're active-duty military, you're going to run the risk of facing a court-martial or other proceedings under the (Uniform Code of Military Justice)," he said. "If you're a civilian, you may have to stand up in federal court and explain why you shouldn't go to jail. No matter what it is, you're going to run that risk, and it's not worth it."

If you're caught shoplifting at the BX, the Army and Air

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THINK SAFETY

AIRMEN AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING
To request a ride, call 335-5218, 335-5238 or 335-5236.

SLOW DOWN ► 387 speeding tickets have been issued to date. Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to 6 months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.

WEATHER FORECAST

Courtesy of 78th OSS/OSW

TODAY
92/72



SATURDAY
93/73



SUNDAY
92/72



IN BRIEF

‘Gym in a Bag’ available to civilians at fitness fairs

In support of the Center's commitment to civilian fitness and wellness, the Health and Wellness Center and Fitness Center will conduct another series of traveling fitness fairs to distribute "Gym in a Bag" kits to civilian employees.

Based on the Air Force Materiel Command "Fit to Fight" model, the "Gym in a Bag" provides optimum fitness freedom.

The bag contains a Versa-Tube, effective for performing a variety of strength and fitness exercises, and a Versa-O, effective for shaping legs and improving overall upper and lower body strength.

Additionally, the kit will contain exercise instructions for each type of tubing and a work-out log to track progress. The Versa-Tube and the Versa-O provide effective resistance training without stepping foot in a gym.

Three-hundred "Gym in a Bag" kits will be available at the following locations:

- Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Cotton Auditorium
- July 12, 1 to 4 p.m., Flight line Building 125, between docks 3 and 4
- July 15, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Old Gymnasium

Additionally, participants enrolled in the "Walk into Wellness" Walking Campaign who have completed their 100 miles may turn in their log sheets to earn their pedometer. Those who have not completed their 100 miles may sign out the pedometer for another three months or turn it back in.

Workload permitting, supervisors may excuse employees without charge to leave to allow attendance and return to work in no more than one hour. Additional time will be charged to annual leave, available compensatory time or leave without pay.

— *Laurel Jacobs*
Civilian Personnel Office

VICE

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did lots of fun and exciting things, and collected a lifetime's worth of memories.

But at every stop, it's been the people we've met and the friends we've made that we remember most."

General Reynolds said he and Mrs. Reynolds (Joani) are amazed at how time and distance haven't diminished the friendships that sustained them throughout the years.

"The men and women of AFMC have touched our lives in a very special way, and whatever lies ahead for us, we will always carry that in our hearts," he said. "Serving in our great Air Force has been an honor and a privilege."

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Force Exchange Service is authorized to collect a \$200 administrative fee under the 2002 Civil Recovery Act.

Store officials said if recovered stolen items can be sold but not as a new item, the shoplifter is charged 25 percent of the item's value and the \$200 fee.

According to Tech. Sgt. Samel Brown, 78th SFS Investigations Section noncommissioned officer in charge, people caught shoplifting will be issued a letter barring their use of the BX, Class Six, base service station and shopette privileges for at least a year, as determined by the 78th Mission Support Group commander.

Sergeant Brown said once a report is filed and stolen items are

recovered, they're tagged and held in the evidence vault until all judicial proceedings pertaining to the incident have taken place. At that time, the Base Legal Office determines when evidence is released, disposed of or returned to AAFES officials.

Servicemembers convicted of shoplifting are in violation of Article 121 of the UCMI, said Colonel Strickland.

"If (a military member) steals military property, the maximum punishment is a dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of all pay, reduction to the lowest grade and confinement up to 10 years."

Those convicted of stealing personal property valued at more than \$500 may face five years

imprisonment along with other punishments, the colonel said.

Civilians face stiff penalties too.

"If you're a civilian and you steal government property, the maximum sentence is ten years in prison," he said. "For personal property, it's five years."

Colonel Strickland said punishments for personal thefts are additional to those levied by AAFES.

While military and civilians who sponsor individuals who commit shoplifting crimes must answer to their commanders about the incidents, sponsors will not be punished for the shoplifter's crimes unless they're directly involved in the incident.

CADETS

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company grade officer to get real experience as air battle managers in the 116th Air Control Wing, pilots in the 19th Air Refueling Group, or as a finance person in the 78th Air Base Wing."

The program, which formerly gave only Air Force Academy juniors a hands-on learning experience, is now expanding its education through mentorship to sophomore cadets as well.

An opportunity that Lt. Col. Tim Hartje, 78th Communications Squadron commander, who serves as the program's director here, said is a great thing for future upcoming Air Force members.

"This is a program that lets Air Force Academy cadets and ROTC Rising Star cadets go out to Air Force bases during the summer and experience the Air Force," he said. "The objective is to orient the cadets to

the Air Force mission.

"By being at the bases, doing the mission and interacting with senior noncommissioned officers, officers and civilians in the work force, they experience the Air Force first hand."

Capt. Christine Stanaback, 19th Operations Support Squadron executive officer and a facilitator in the program, said she sees it as making an investment in the future Air Force.

"I think it's a good opportunity to help shape our young leaders," she said. "They're going to be the future of our Air Force, so what better way to contribute to the Air Force than to, help shape their views about the Air Force."

Colonel Hartje said the program gives future Airmen a glimpse into their futures.

"Once they're commissioned as second lieutenants, their first assignment will be at an Air Force base," he said. "By going through this program, now in three phases, as sophomores, juniors and seniors, they'll

have a much better understanding and appreciation for what to expect when they get out into the operational Air Force, post graduate."

Cadet 3rd Lieutenant Joe DeMonte is grateful for that opportunity.

"The program has been very interesting," he said. "I've gotten to see the nine different aspects of an operation on base and how they all apply to accomplishing a mission.

"I've seen many things I never thought I'd get to see," he added. "It has given me the chance to work with military and civilians and see how doing that accomplishes the mission."

Cadet 3rd Lieutenant Jeffrey Wilson, who is also an Air Force cadet in the program, agreed.

"I've learned what the real Air Force is about," he said. "Going to the academy, we committed to joining the U.S. Air Force when we didn't really know what it was like....This is the first time I'm getting to see what I've joined and see my future career."

SHINGO

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tiatives in producing quality programmed depot maintenance of C-5 aircraft. It's a Center-wide submission, incorporating measurable results and integrated

activities from across the four wings here.

"C-5 is representative of great strides within Lean by reducing flow days by 30 percent since fiscal year 2001 as well as achieving 100-percent on-time delivery," said Chuck Shipes, change management specialist

for the 402nd Maintenance Wing.

"Winning the award would recognize the entire work force's commitment to continue moving forward with Lean and change management," he said.

A team of examiners will spend three to four days here

verifying information from the nomination package.

Mr. Shipes recommends each wing update the metrics originally submitted. A training session will be conducted to prepare escorts and briefers who will be involved with the team during the site visit.

TSP contribution open season restrictions end

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) – The restrictions of having only two open seasons each year for civilian and military members to sign up for, stop, resume or change their Thrift Savings Plan contributions has ended.

The elimination of open seasons affects civilian and military members in the following ways:

- Gives people more flexibility in managing their TSP contribution amounts.

- Civilians can now make 26 or 27 TSP contribution elections per year and servicemembers 24 per year.

- Contribution elections submitted on or after July 1 will be effective at the beginning of the pay period following the one in which the election is submitted.

The contribution limits set for 2005 haven't changed." Employees may continue to contribute to TSP based on the system they are currently under for 2005 -- Civil Service Retirement System, 10 percent; Federal Employees' Retirement System, 15 percent; or the military pay system, 10 percent.

The law eliminating open seasons does not eliminate the waiting period that newly hired or rehired FERS employees not previously eligible must serve before they can begin to receive agency contributions.

Participants who make an in-service financial hardship withdrawal may not make TSP contribution elections for a six-month period following the withdrawal.

Command chief board announces 2005 results

WASHINGTON (AFPN) -- Air Force officials have announced the results of the 2005 Command Chief Master Sergeant Candidate Board held June 6 to 10.

Command chief master sergeants serve as senior enlisted advisers to commanders at wing, numbered Air Force, field operating agency and major command levels. When the senior enlisted position of a joint

What to know

A list of chief master sergeants selected as candidates is available online from dot-mil computers at <https://www.dp.hq.af.mil/afslmo/afslmocg/CCM051.doc>

command is held by an Airman, he or she is also designated as a command chief.

Those selected by the board will remain on a candidate list for two years and are eligible to compete for command chief master sergeant positions with a reporting date of Oct. 1 or later.

A list of chief master sergeants selected as candidates is available online for those interested in seeing the list. From a government dot-mil computer, <https://www.dp.hq.af.mil/afslmo/afslmocg/CCM051.doc>

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The biennial competition showcases airdrop, air refueling, aeromedical evacuation, security forces procedures, short-field landings and related ground operations.

Aerial refuelers and airlifters demonstrate capabilities, compare notes, improve procedures and enhance standardization for worldwide operations.

Maj. Matt Bowers, Rodeo team chief, said he is extremely proud of the team’s accomplishments.

“We got the best KC-135 pre-flight team and the best KC-135 maintenance team,” he said. “It feels great.”

The team leader said the jet looks great and gives credit where it’s due.

“The maintainers did a heck of a job getting everything all cleaned up,” he said. “The jet looks brand new inside and out. They put in 14- and 16-hour days for the past three months getting it ready. They should be very proud to have done it to the Black Knight standard and to bring home exactly what we

won back in 2000.”

Although this was his first Rodeo, Senior Airman Bob Sadlon, crew chief, agreed.

“It feels great to come home winners,” he said. “We put in a lot of hard work and it paid off in the end. It was ten times better than anything I could ever have expected.”

Master Sgt. Mark Warner, maintenance team chief, said preparation was the key.

“The team did great, but we had to prepare,” he said. “We started working on the airplane April 3. We put a lot of hard work in, and it paid off. My team performed outstanding and the jet did too, so all of that enabled us to bring home our hardware. We were prepared and it shows.”

Gone for a week, the team members were happy to see their families again, and their families were equally excited.

“I am very proud of my husband and the entire team,” said Lynn Warner. “They worked very hard for many many months, and we are glad they came home with the big trophy. They deserve this.”

And while the immediate families were proud so was the extended family.

“The entire team did an incredible job,” said Maj. Jon Claunch, 19th AMXS commander. “They pulled together as a team very well, and maintenance shone as we expected them too. We are looking forward to take it all in 2007.”

The Group commander agreed.

“I’m incredibly proud of these guys,” said Col. Steven Bernard. “This entire team has worked so hard for the last two months and they really pulled it together as a team and did incredible work out there.”

In 2002 due to the Global War on Terrorism and other commitments the competition was put on hold. This is the first time since then the competition has been held.

Chief Master Sgt. Antonio Baxter, 19th MXS maintenance superintendent, called the team professional and sharp.

“After not having one for five years it was nice to know that we could still go out and win,” he said. “These guys were so pumped up,” “Since April 3, they have been working to get this aircraft where it needs to be operationally and maintenance wise. More than just the aircraft was ready -- they were ready.”

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Commander’s AFMC birthday message

WRIGHT PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFMCNS) – On a muggy, hazy July 1, 1992, then-Secretary of the Air Force Donald B. Rice and other Air Force leaders gathered on a stage outside the National Museum of the United States Air Force. Just days before, the flags of Air Force Logistics Command and Air Force Systems Command had been furled as both commands were inactivated.

But on this day, a new flag was unfurled and a new command was born; Air Force Materiel Command, built on the best practices and traditions of AFLC and AFSC. Its mission: to provide the Air Force with a single command responsible for cradle to grave management of research and development, acquisition, test and sustainment.

And now, as we celebrate our 13th birthday, every one of the nearly 80,000 people of this great command can look back and be extremely proud of AFMC’s accomplishments.



Thanks to the men and women of AFMC, our Air Force is by far the best air and space force in the world. AFMC has made sure our Air Force has the best aircraft, missiles, munitions and command and control systems. As we continue to fight the

Global War on Terrorism, our commitment to provide the latest and best capabilities to America’s war fighters remains paramount.

The AFMC of today may be only 13 years old, but our mission has been constant for 88

years. It all began in 1917 when the equipment division of the U.S. Army Signal Corps established a headquarters for its new airplane engineering department at McCook Field in Dayton, Ohio. Over the years, the mission grew and changed as research, development and logistics were assigned to different organizations. But the commitment and dedication to the mission has never wavered. It continues in AFMC today and will power our Air Force for decades to come.

I am proud of our command and especially proud of our people, military and Air Force civilians, who continue a tradition that began just a few years after the Wright Brothers made their storied first flight. Our people have made AFMC what it is today, a world-class organization delivering war-winning capabilities on time, on cost.

Happy birthday AFMC!

Gregory S. Martin
Commander,
Air Force Materiel Command



Col. Greg Patterson
78th Air Base Wing commander

Commander’s
Action Line

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible: Security Forces 327-3445; Services Division 926-5491; EEO Office 926-2131; MEO 926-6608; Employee Relations 926-5802; Military Pay 926-3777; IDEA 926-2536; Base hospital 327-7850; Civil engineering 926-5657; Public Affairs 926-2137; Safety Office 926-6271; Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline 926-2393; Housing Office 926-3776. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 or for the quickest response, e-mail one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account, use action.line@robins.af.mil. Readers can also visit https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up. Anonymous action lines will not be processed.

Motorcycle training
courses

I know a motorcycle safety course is required to operate a motorcycle on base, which is understood, but what happens when the safety course isn’t available. After making a substantial purchase and having a motorcycle as a secondary or primary vehicle, I would like to use it as soon as possible. But I’m being told I cannot ride it even with a state license endorsement. I inquired as to when the next motorcycle course was and was told that the safety office didn’t know. Now this seems a little ridiculous, I have a motorcycle I wish to use and want to take the safety course but am not being told what the dates are or when the next class is or being issued any type of temporary pass until the next class. It seems that being able to ride a motorcycle revolves around the schedule of one office which doesn’t have a schedule.

Commander’s reply: Thanks for your e-mail, and we apologize for your inconvenience. The basic (beginners) and experienced (minimum 3 months experience) rider’s courses are generally conducted monthly during the riding season, but may be delayed or rescheduled depending on mission requirements, instructor availability or weather. The Motorcycle Safety Program Requirements have been in effect since May 24, 2004. This course is a Defense Department mandated course and cannot be waived. Since early March, there has been an influx of student candidates. This has created a backlog of personnel requiring training. We have requested and obtained some slots for courses offered at Moody Air Force Base in Valdosta, Ga., about three hours south off of I-75. The courses are offered free of charge and have been made available to personnel waiting for training here at Robins

Our training program relied upon the services of seven volunteer instructors. These individuals are subject to TDY, deployment and other mission requirements and serve as trainers when they are available. We recently hosted a Motorcycle Safety Foundation Rider Coach training program and have certified eight new instructors bringing our total to 15. All applicants on the current waiting list have now been scheduled for training. With the new instructors, we should not have problems with a backlog again. Thanks again for your patience.

General Martin’s Independence Day message



Gregory S. Martin is the Air Force Materiel Command commander.

WRIGHT PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFMCNS) –

“We hold these truths to be self evident; that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.”

In his fascinating book, American Sphinx, a biography of Thomas Jefferson, historian Joseph J. Ellis calls the above passage the most famous lines of the Declaration of Independence and “the most quoted statement of human rights in recorded history.”

When Jefferson wrote this profound and, at the time, radical statement nearly 230 years ago, he and his fellow founding fathers had no idea where their words of freedom would lead them. They were taking a monumental risk with only their thirst for freedom to guide them.

Since those early days of America, many

Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen have risked and even given their lives so that these words could remain our guiding American principle. Many are keeping these words alive by putting their lives on the line around the world today.

As we celebrate another Independence Day on July 4, we must strive to ensure that the vision of our forefathers remains constant. By supporting our war fighters and giving them the best capabilities possible, Air Force Materiel Command protects democracy and reinforces those words of freedom etched on a piece of parchment in 1776.

Celebrate the blessings of liberty with your family and friends and be proud that you have a hand in keeping America united behind its founding principle. Each year that we celebrate Independence Day is another year of freedom preserved.

Happy Independence Day. May God bless you all and our great nation.

Gregory S. Martin
Commander, Air Force Materiel Command

‘Dear Roz’

Q: Why is the Department of Defense adopting a pay for performance system for the new National Security Personnel System when the General Schedule has worked perfectly well for so long?

A: I’ve read through the information published by DoD as well as information posted on various Web sites, e.g., the AFGE Council 214 site and Government Executive site.

From those readings I think it comes down to the fact the General Schedule is about 50 years old and is tied to a system that does not distinguish among the different levels of duties, responsibilities and expectations of jobs that have the same GS grade.

An easy example that depicts this is a GS-12 Supervisory Specialist and a GS-12 Specialist: The pay is the same for both jobs even though the supervisory job has more responsibility than does the specialist job.

The Government Accountability Office and the Office of Personnel Management, based on the analyzed results of various demonstration projects across the government, have long advocated a transition to a more contemporary system that reflects pay based on the key components of each type of work versus a common pay system for all. The GAO has published numerous reports on this topic that you can review at www.gao.gov.

The Department of Homeland Security and the DoD are the first two large scale moves to pay for

performance systems, but they likely will not be the last. The OPM is currently writing draft legislation that will require the entire federal government to adopt pay for performance systems by 2008 with the caveat that those departments that fail to do so will have to adopt an OPM-developed system. The key point is OPM seemingly intends to retire the General Schedule between 2008 and 2010 across the government.

From my perspective it’s not a matter of keeping the General Schedule. It’s more about educating oneself about the pending new rules to ensure that you have a good understanding of the changes and the expectations required to succeed. My office, CCN, will be impacted along with everyone else so please be assured we intend to keep everyone up-to-date as implementation proceeds. Our goal is to share information as we plan and execute implementation.

If you have questions let me know via our organizational e-mail address, wralc.ccn.nspss@robins.af.mil, to answer your questions. I also recommend you monitor our Web site postings we maintain for easy review. Finally, please be aware we are working a comprehensive training plan to ensure our implementation plan is sound.

Rosalind ‘Roz’ Overton, NSPS transition assistant, will address employees’ NSPS concerns in the Robins Rev-Up each week. For more information, call Ms. Overton at 926-4023 or visit the NSPS link at www.robins.af.mil.



Rosalind ‘Roz’ Overton is a National Security Personnel System transition assistant.

Military justice

During the period of June 13 through 26, one member of Robins Air Force Base received non-judicial punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

►An airman first class wrongfully used marijuana.

Punishment: reduction to airman basic and 30 days extra duty.

There were no administrative dis-

charges under the rapid airman discharge program for this time period.

– 78th Air Base Wing Legal Office

Robins gives advice about snakes as summer begins

By **HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD**
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While the mere sight of a snake can send some people running, base wildlife experts said most snakes pose little threat.

When Senior Airman Joshua Gossett, a vehicle assistant with the 78th Security Forces Squadron, recently learned his wife, Riannon, and 2-year-old son, Ethan, were only a few feet away from a snake at their base home, he felt the need to react quickly.

“My wife gave me a call and said there was a big black snake in the yard that was trying to get in my dog’s pen and trying to get in the house,” he said. “So, (a co-worker of mine and I) came to help.”

Airman Gossett said with his wife feeling threatened by the situation, he and a fellow Airman killed the snake with a shovel.

While Airman Gossett’s reaction to the snake wasn’t uncommon, Dr. Bob Sargent, who holds a doctorate degree in wildlife biology and is the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Management Division’s natural and cultural resources manager, said most of these reptiles don’t present a danger.

“The majority of the time, they just want to get away from you,” he said. “They’re

WHAT TO KNOW

If you're a base resident and a snake is posing a threat in your area, call the 78th Civil Engineering Squadron's customer service line at 926-5657. If you're bitten by a snake, dial 911 immediately.

frightened. Of course, snakes can’t move very fast, so they find themselves quickly cornered by people. It’s best just to leave them alone.”

Dr. Sargent said being able to distinguish between poisonous and non-poisonous snakes is important.

“People unfortunately have this misconception that all snakes are dangerous,” he said. “The old mindset, ‘the only good snake is a dead snake,’ just isn’t true. They have very important ecological roles.”

According to Dr. Sargent, there are 42 species of snakes in Georgia, with only six of those categorized as venomous (able to inject a toxin) in the Middle Georgia area.

Poisonous snakes are easily recognized by their diamond-shaped heads, cat-like pupils, and other defining characteristics, Dr. Sargent said.

“Rattlesnakes usually rattle their tails as a warning that says, ‘leave me alone,” he

said. “Copperheads have hour-glass-shaped patterns on their bodies, and they’re dark brown with a tan pattern in between. Cottonmouth snakes, otherwise known as water moccasins, are usually about 4-feet long and are usually a dark snake. They tend to stay near water.”

Danny Jones, a pest controller with the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron’s Entomology Section, said since snakes can be found under leaves, logs and other such hiding places, it’s best to watch your step.

“You should always be sure of your footing in front of you, because snakes usually don’t pay you any attention unless you get so close to them that they feel threatened,” he said. “Whether it’s poisonous or not, most will try to avoid you.”

Dr. Sargent recommends people remove brush and rock piles that may be inviting to most snakes.

Mr. Jones said if you’re going to go walking in the woods or any other area where a snake might be lurking, you should wear shoes with knee-

high tops to help protect yourself. If you’re ever bitten by a snake, Lt. Col. Dennis Oakes, 78th Medical Operations Squadron commander, said it’s important to seek medical attention immediately.

“First, you should try to remain as calm as possible,” he said. “Second, you should dial 911 and ask for an ambulance. The 78th MDG doesn’t have the capability to treat snake bites, so the best place to go for snake bites is an emergency room. That’s the Houston Medical Center for people at Robins.”

Dr. Richard Sullivan, Houston Medical Center Emergency Department chairman, said keeping the wounded area in the right position is important.

“You should keep the area immobilized, in a neutral position,” he said. “Whether it’s an arm or leg, don’t elevate it or hang it down - just keep it neutral and get medical attention as soon as possible.”

Dr. Sullivan said if safety permits, you should bring the snake so that the medical staff will know how to treat the wound.

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Heritage Conference pools wisdom, experience

By 1ST LT. LEA ANN CHAMBERS
Air Force Materiel Command Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE (AFMC-NS) - Men who are the keepers of decades of Air Force history and wisdom met in a crowded auditorium June 23 to discuss current and future issues facing Air Force Materiel Command.

But it wasn't just business that brought 14 former leaders together with Gen. Gregory S. Martin, AFMC commander, and Lt. Gen. Richard V. Reynolds, AFMC vice commander, for the annual three-day Heritage Conference here. For some it was about seeing old friends.

"It's great to spend time with current leadership, peers, and even my mentors," said Lester Lyles, a retired general who was AFMC commander from April

2000 to October 2003. "There are two guys here who have known me since I was a captain. This is what mentoring is all about."

Many expressed appreciation at being given the opportunity to catch up on what's happening in the Air Force and AFMC specifically. It's a chance to see what's happening in the command, said William Thurman, a retired lieutenant general and former Air Force Systems Command vice commander.

Among topics discussed were the state of the command, Base Realignment and Closure, Air Force Research Laboratory transformation, expeditionary logistics and civilian health and fitness.

The event gave General Martin and General Reynolds a chance to showcase the com-

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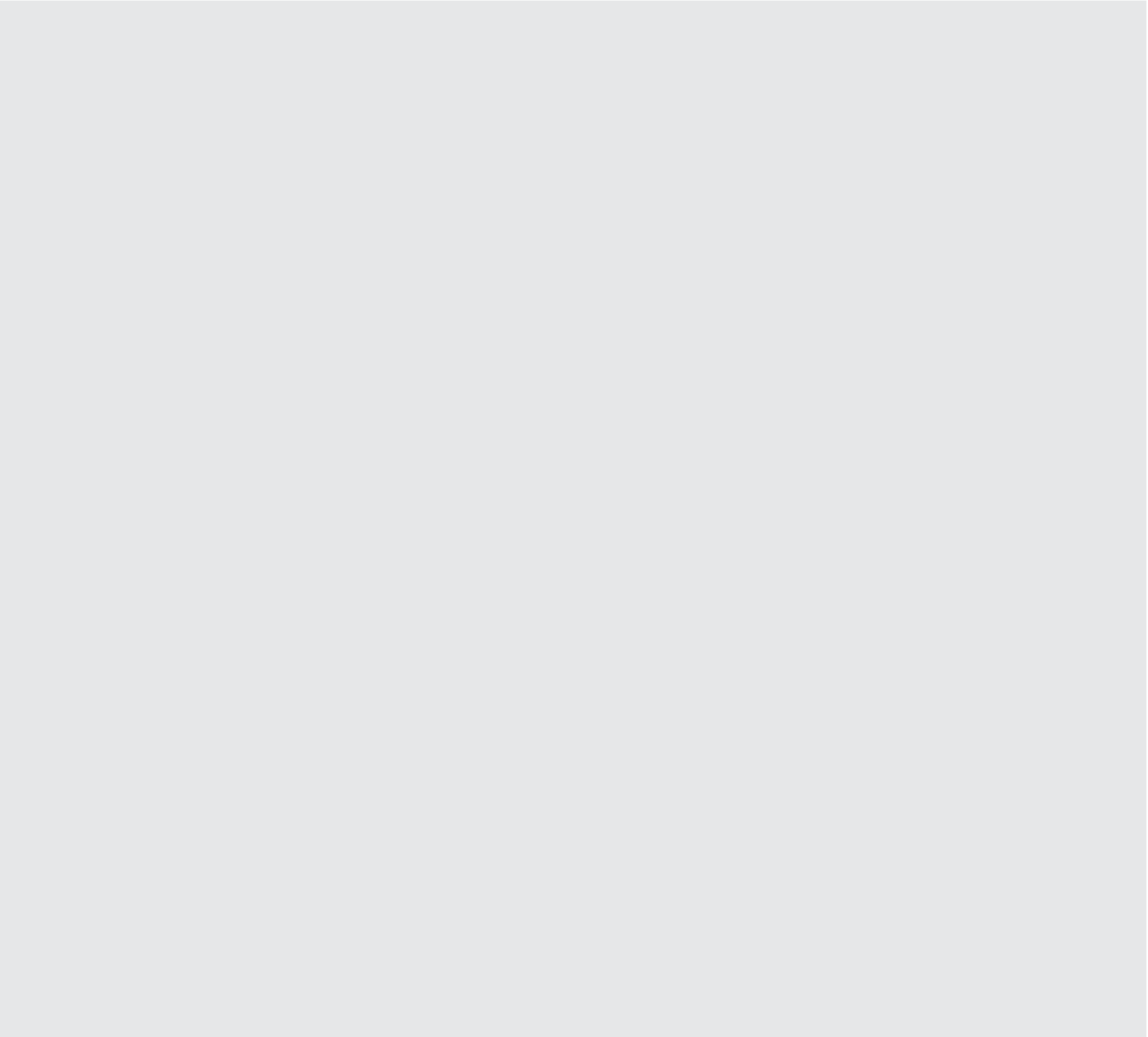
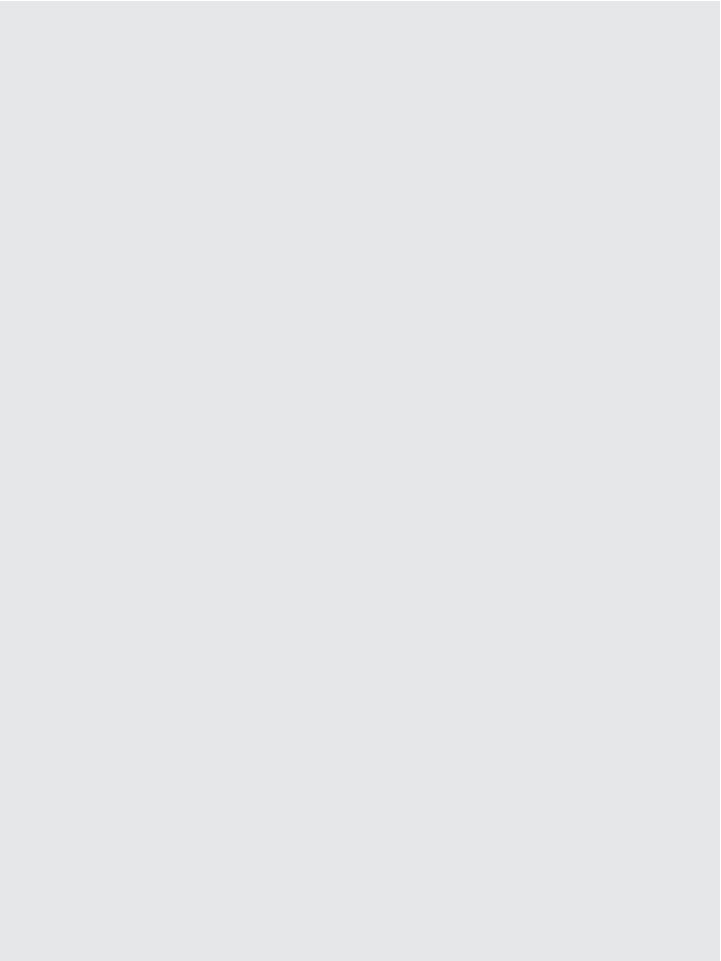
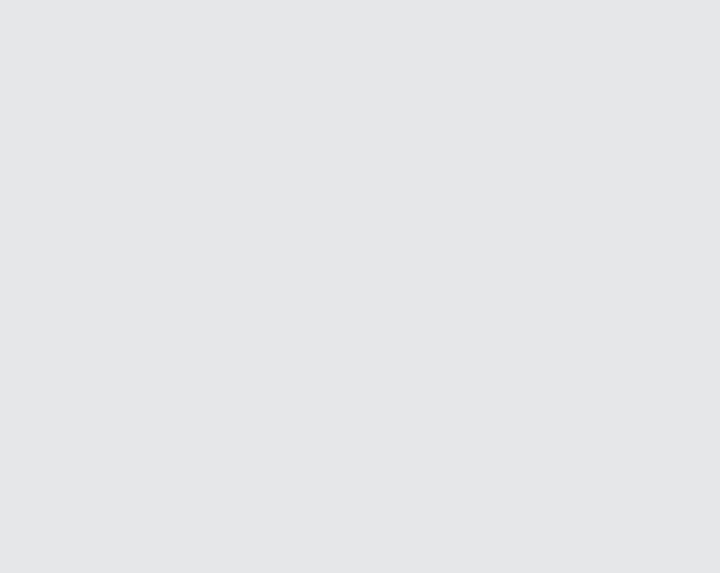
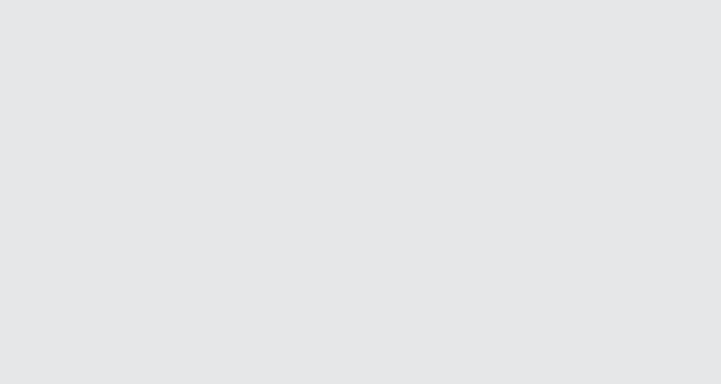
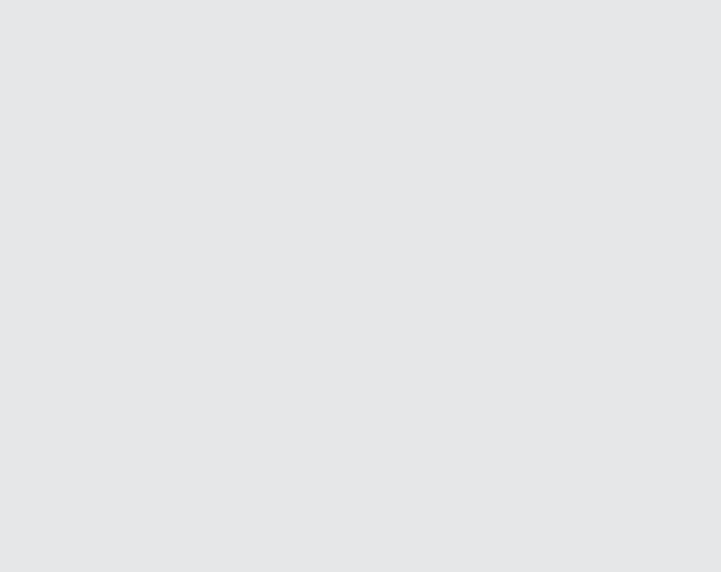
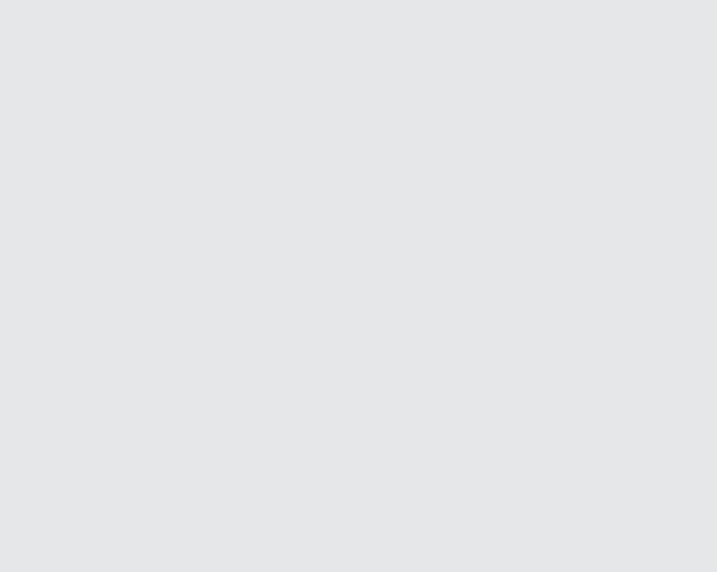
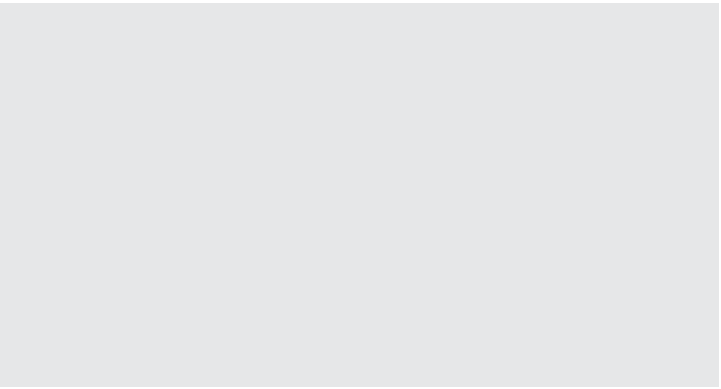
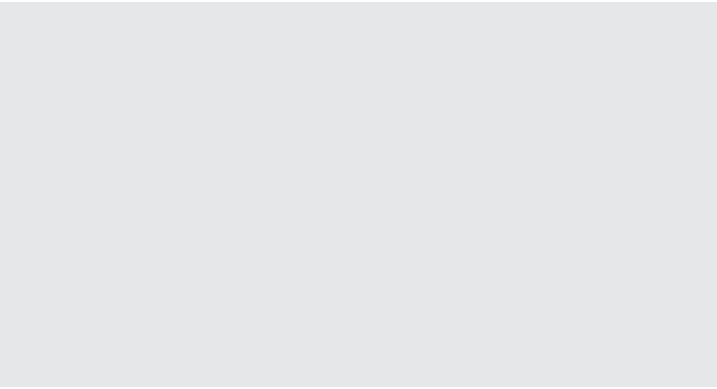
mand to the former leaders who shaped not only AFMC but also its predecessors, Air Force Logistics Command and Air Force Systems Command.

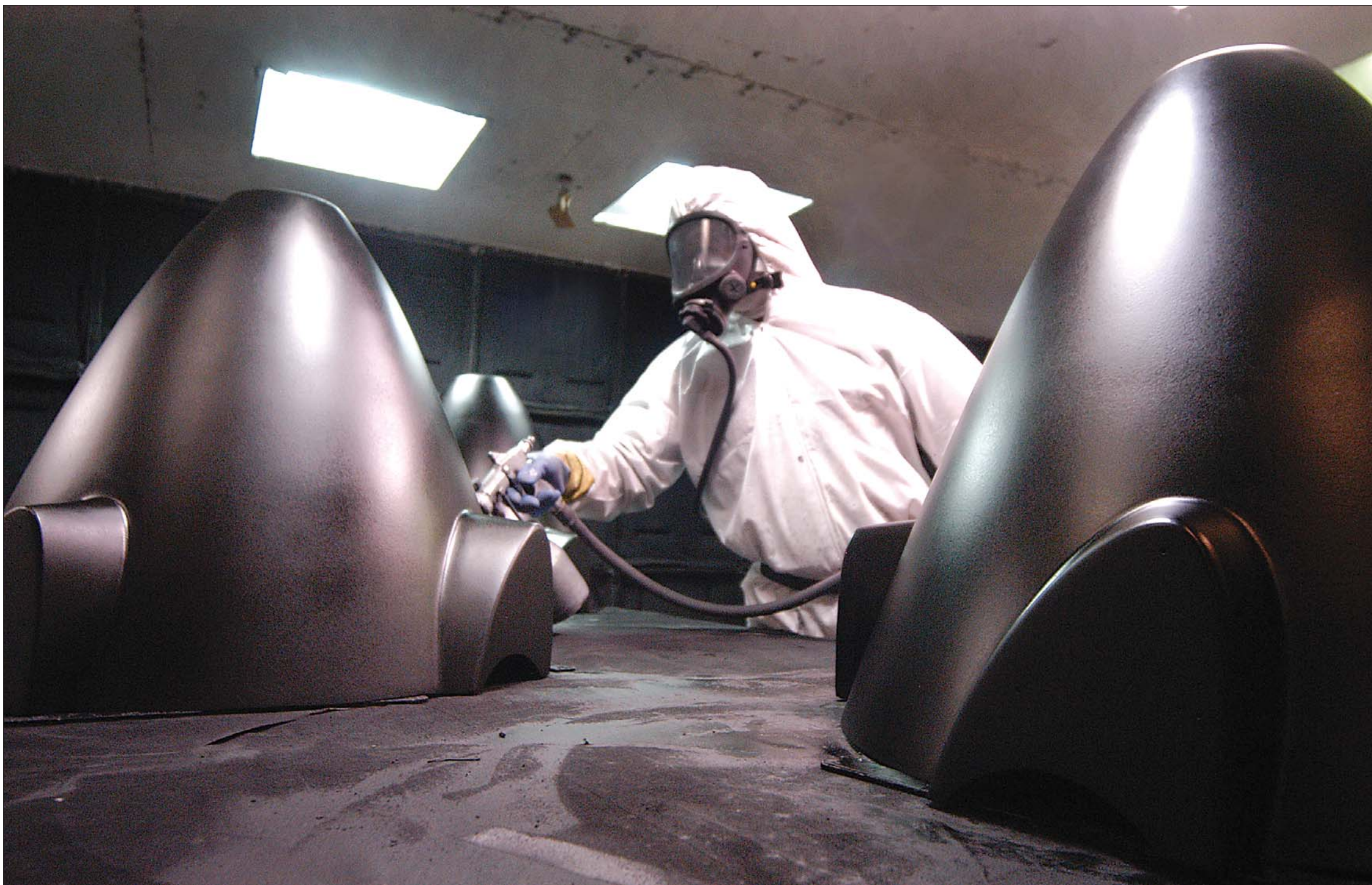
The conference was also an opportunity for former commanders to assess current leadership.

"The command has flourished under General Martin," said Mr. Lyles. "He has taken everything in the command to a new level. It's great to see where the command is going."

The most important aspect of the conference is the exchange of ideas, said Ken Eickmann, a retired lieutenant general who served as the Aeronautical Systems Center commander from May 1996 to June 1998, during which he also served as acting AFMC commander for a short time.

Open discussions with the commander provide participants with viewpoints and knowledge they didn't have before, Mr. Eickmann said.





U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Above, Roy Brooks sprays C-130 spinners with anti-static paint. Below left, Jerome Jackson positions a C-5 torque deck in the shop's autoclave. Below right, Al Ivey repairs the bushings in a spinner.

Not your average nose job

402nd Maintenance Wing's Plastic Shop takes care of nose cones and other items of all shapes and sizes

By LANORRIS ASKEW
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Neither Jerome Jackson nor Bill Henderson went to medical school, but both oversee hundreds of nose jobs monthly.

As the supervisors of the 402nd Maintenance Wing's Plastic Shop, their job is to keep their delicate operation running like clockwork.

Mr. Henderson, who oversees the C-130 radome and manufacturing workload, said the plastic in Plastic Shop is a bit of a misnomer.

"We actually deal with any aircraft part or component that is made of fiberglass," he said.

"Those fiberglass products include the radomes or nose cones for the various weapon systems, numerous other items of all shapes and sizes that an aircraft may need, and bond fixtures or molds so other shops can build parts and panels for the different weapon systems."

The 1-inch thick fiberglass nose-pieces or radomes they provide protect the delicate navigational radar system components of the F-15, C-130 and C-141, and their crew of 38 ensures these vital components are in top-notch operating condition.

"Our mission is to provide our customers the C-130, F-15, C-5, and in the near future the C-17 weapon systems with on-time delivery of lowest cost quality fiberglass products, through continuous process improvement," said Mr. Henderson.

The process

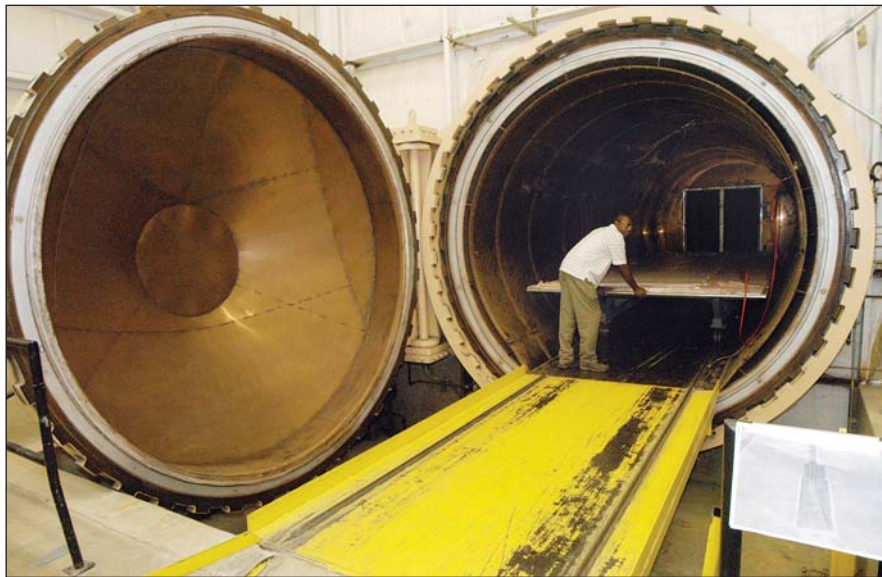
When a radome arrives, Joe Harbin and the depaint crew greet it with open arms.

"When a radome comes into the shop it arrives into the depaint area or shipping and receiving," said Mr. Harbin.

There they are prepared for the flashjet, a depaint process which uses a high-energy lamp and dry ice to basically vaporize the paint.

"We unpack them, get them received to the scheduler and get their serial numbers," said Mr. Harbin.

The radomes are swapped between the flashjet and the shipping and receiving area three times a week on



WHAT TO KNOW

The Plastic Shop is located in Building 670. An F-15 radome takes between 35 to 40 hours to complete while C-130s take 90 to 100. The shop produces approximately 15 to 18 C-130 radomes per month and 24 to 25 F-15 radomes per month.

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

"If one goes down to flashjet on Monday it comes back Wednesday," he said.

He also said the flashjet process is a lot more environmentally friendly and produces less hazardous waste than the old system which used methylene chloride to remove the paint.

The process can take anywhere from 30 minutes to all day depending on the amount of paint and other factors, but they average one a day.

Once a radome leaves the depaint facility it is then moved into a paint booth where it is sanded from one end to the other.

Next a 500-watt high intensity light is shone on the radome to pick out any defects. They then remove those defects 50 percent from the outside and 50 percent from the inside.

Dorothy Walker has worked in the plastics shop for 20 years and said she is glad to be a part of the bigger picture of war fighter support.

"It makes me feel great to know that I am a part of it all," she said.

When the sanding, sealing, taping and all other repair is done it's off to the paint shop where two lone painters turn the old into new again. Whether it's 6 to 8 hours on the F-15 radome or 2 to 4 on spinner components, they make them picture perfect.

"It's a safe environment to work in," said Mr. Jackson who oversees the F-15 radome and Spinners component workload. "We only sand in sanding booths and although we use hazardous materials, we use the protection necessary to keep us safe."

They also keep the environment safe. The paint booth is complete with an airline respirator, which keeps fresh air flowing to the painters. There are also visual and auditory alarms for fire and other hazards. The booth has a three-stage filter that keeps paint from getting outside. This filter is much better than the previous water filtration system according to Mr. Jackson.

In addition to being safe the shop is also pretty self-sufficient.

"We are all collocated in one area," he said. "Parts people, planners, schedulers, shippers and quality assurance folks. We do just about everything from receiving radomes to shipping them out to painting and refinishing. We have all of the support people we need to do our jobs. Some places you have to travel to get from the beginning of a process to the end, but here we are all together."

While their work with radomes gets a lot of attention, the shop recently



added a new workload to its impressive resume – spinners.

Something new

A part of the C-130 nose propeller, the spinner's workload involves over 200 pieces.

That workload, which transitioned from Building 140 only 6 weeks ago, is going smoothly. At peak performance they will do 150 a month.

Spinners are brought in to Mr. Harbin and the receiving crew also.

"We wash the spinners for 30 minutes at 170 degrees then dry them and take them to the shop to be worked," Mr. Harbin said. "All components are

removed before washing."

"When a part leaves here it's like new," said Mr. Jackson. "It saves the Air Force a lot of money to repair these items instead of buying brand new ones. I've been doing this my entire career and I love it. It's great place to work and I am honored to be here."

Why plastics you may ask? "Plastic parts are forever," said Mr. Jackson. "They're cheaper, lightweight, durable and flexible. The airplanes couldn't stay in the air without the nosecone. You need something that the antenna can see through and fiberglass is usually the best product."

TODAY

Tickets for "Peter Pan" at the Fox Theater in Atlanta are available at Information, Tickets and Travel, Building 767, through today for \$56. The performance is at 2 p.m. July 16.

Catfish on the curb is offered Fridays from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Enlisted Club. To-go dinners include catfish, coleslaw or potato salad and hush puppies for \$5.95. For more information, call 926-4515.

SATURDAY

No events.

SUNDAY

The Officers' Club brunch is available from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on Sundays with all-you-care-to-enjoy breakfast and dinner entrees. Cost is \$9.95 for members and \$11.95 for nonmembers. For more information, call at 926-2670.

MONDAY

The Family Support Center and Family Services loan closet and Airman's Attic will be closed in observance of Independence Day. Normal services will resume Tuesday at 7:30 a.m.

Children are invited to participate in the "Be a Bookworm" summer reading program at the Base Library with story time on Mondays from 10 - 11:30 a.m. for children 10 years old and younger. An ice cream social will be held Aug. 1 at 10:30 am. To register, visit the Library, Building 905, or call 327-7380.

TUESDAY

Private pilot ground school registration will be held through July 11 from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. School starts July 11 at 5:30 p.m. One hundred percent tuition is available for active duty military. Cost is \$340 for tuition and \$200 for books and flight bag and is due at the time of registration. Ground school is a 45-50-hour course, lasting about six weeks and scheduled on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. For more information, call the Aero Club at 926-4867. Classroom seating is limited.

Building 959, located north of the Commissary on Bonaire Street, will be demolished, marking an important first step toward constructing the new Commissary.

The area from Apollo Street to Seventh Street will be closed through July 10, for the installation of new electrical service to Building 795. For more information, contact Paul Clark, 778th Civil Engineer Squadron, at 926-3533 extension 28708.

Bingo players could win \$1,000, \$2,500 or \$5,000 at the Services Joint Forces Bingo grand opening today in the east wing of the Enlisted Club. Doors open with bar bingo at 5 p.m., and games begin at 7:15 p.m. Quick shot games will be played throughout the day beginning at 10 a.m. The first 100 customers will receive a free souvenir T-shirt. Waitress services and complimentary snacks will be available.

The Enlisted Club and Base Restaurant have combined bingo programs to form the Services Joint Forces bingo. The Joint Forces bingo will be located in the east wing of the Enlisted Club on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays with bar bingo at 6 p.m. and games at 7:15 p.m. Games will begin Sundays at 2:45 p.m. Eligible bingo players include anyone with an active duty, reserve, guard or retired or military base identification, DoD civilians or family base identification card. The entry fee is free to all club members, guests and active duty or retired widows and \$5 for eligible non-club members. Look in today's Rev-Up for a \$5 bingo coupon to redeem Tuesday through July 10. For more information, call Teresa Resta at 926-1303.

Officers' Christian Fellowship meets Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m. at a member's home. For more information, contact Capt. Melissa Cunningham at melissa.cunningham@robins.af.mil or 1st Lt. Ann Walsh at ann.walsh@robins.af.mil

WEDNESDAY

The Ravens Toastmasters Club meets

Independence Day celebration tonight



U.S. Air Force photo

The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve will perform at the 22nd annual Independence Day Celebration today at the McConnell-Talbert Stadium on South Davis Drive in Warner Robins. The free concert will also feature Warner Robins native Bobbie Eakes, an accomplished soap opera star and recording artist, for a night of music, fireworks and family fun. The stadium will open to the public at 6 p.m. Festivities will begin at 7:15 with the Houston County Honor Band, comprised of select musicians from the county's four high schools. Mary Therese of WMAZ-TV 13 will host the main stage show starting at 8. The stadium bleachers offer plenty of seating; however, attendees are welcome to bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating in the infield. Food and beverages will be available at concession stands. Bags and containers are subject to search since alcoholic beverages are prohibited at this family event.

the first and third Wednesday of each month at 11:15 a.m. in the Special Operations Forces Management Directorate's conference room No. 1, Building 300, East Wing, door E-4. For more information, call Altry James at 222-2245.

Families are welcome to attend the DJ 101 class from 2 - 4 p.m. for ages 7 and older. Register at the Smith Community Center by Tuesday. For more information, call 926-2105.

Auto shop safety and orientation is held every Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the skills development center. For more information, call 926-5282.

THURSDAY

Procurement Toastmasters Club, open to all of Team Robins, meets the first and third Thursday of each month at noon in the Contracting Directorate's conference room, north end of Building 300. For information, call Lily Fickler at 222-1673.

Come out to the greatest after work party and ladies night out every Thursday from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Enlisted Club. Enjoy jazz and rhythm and blues entertainment. Refreshments include 25 cent wing specials and ladies beverage specials. For more information, call 926-4515.

UPCOMING

Bring the family to the Movies in the Pool July 8 at 8 p.m. (or when dark) to watch "Bed Knobs and Broomsticks." Moviegoers may bring lawn chairs and inner tubes to watch the movie wet or dry. Cost is free and concessions will be available. For more information, call Lynne Brackett at 922-4415.

Scrap booking classes will be held July 9 from noon - 6 p.m. at the Smith Community Center. For more information, call 926-2105.

The 21st Century Partnership Team Quality Award recognizes outstanding team performance, promotes increased productivity, emphasizes teamwork and continuous improvement including saving and cost avoidance. Nominations are for the six-month period that ended Thursday. The nominations will be scored and the top two teams will make 15-minute oral presentations to the judges at the Museum of Aviation Aug. 5, with the winner announced after the presentations. To submit a nomination package or for more information, call Shirley Maddox at 222-0745.

Texas Hold 'Em tournaments will be held July 10 and 31 with sign-ups starting at 2 p.m. and games starting at 2:15 p.m. at the Enlisted Club. The tournament is limited to the first 64 players. Cost is \$5 members and \$10 nonmembers. For more information, call 926-4515.

The Family Support Center Community Tour for all Team Robins members and their eligible family members will be July 13, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Meet at the FSC. This tour is designed to help newcomers become familiar with the surrounding communities.

Everyone is invited to come out and roll the dice for great fun and prizes during Bunco at the Smith Community Center July 18 at 6 p.m. Must 16 years or older to play.

Yard sales will be held at the Smith Community Center, Building 767, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 9 and Aug. 13. Cost of tables is \$7 each and should be paid for on the Saturday prior to the event. Tables can be set up beginning at 7 a.m. To make reservations, visit the ITT office, Building 767.

Youth fall sports registration will be held July 9 - 16 for tackle football, flag football, cheerleading and fall soccer. Register Monday - Friday, 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Coaches are needed in all areas. To register or for details, visit the youth center in Building 1021.

Join the fun at Boss N' Buddy night July 13 at the Officers' Club. Doors will open and 4 p.m. and trivia games will begin at 5 p.m. at the Wellston. This event includes prizes and appetizers.

Robins Officers' and Enlisted Club members and their families may apply for the Air Forces Services eighth annual club membership scholarship program, sponsored by MasterCard and Chase Bank. Air Force-wide six scholarships will be awarded: first prize, \$6,000; second, \$5,500; third, \$4,500; fourth, \$3,500; fifth, \$3,000 and sixth, \$2,500. Based of the number of club members at Robins, this year two nominees can be selected from each club. Nominees must provide an essay of no more than 500 words on "My Hero, and Why." Essays exceeding 500 words (excluding title) will be disqualified. Participant must also provide a single-page summary of their long-term career goal and accomplishments. Essays must be typed in 12-point Arial or Times New Roman font, single-spaced, with double-spacing between paragraphs, and submit-

ted on standard white bond paper with one-inch margins. Nominations are due to Services Marketing in Building 983 by July 15. For additional information, go to www.p.afsv.af.mil/clubs or call 926-5492. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

Information, Tickets and Travel has 7th Annual Al Sihah Shrine Rodeo tickets for July 15 and 16 at 8 p.m. at the Shrine Park, Macon. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

"Shoot for the Stars" basketball camp will be held July 18 - 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the youth center gym. Cost is \$55 per youth. The camp is led by Michael Douglas, former Harlem Globetrotter. Youth spend the week with special guest professional athletes and former members of the Harlem Globetrotters and former NBA players. The camp is geared toward teaching fundamentals of basketball for kids 7 to 14 years old. Extended day care is available from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Call the center for reservations. Cost is \$95 per week and includes breakfast, lunch, and instructional camp along with recreational activities during the afternoon. A \$10 deposit is required to sign up. The camp is open to the first 100 children. For more information, call Ron Hayes at 926-2110.

Register now for the Kids Play Golf pee wee clinic to be held July 19 - 21 and July 26 - 28. Cost is \$50 for ages 4 to 6. Classes are limited to the first 10 paid customers. Register at the pro shop. For more information, call the golf course at 926-4103.

Learn how to salsa beginning July 20 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. with Juan and Julie Sanchez, who won at the Air Force-level in the 2004 Family and Teen Talent contest. This seven-week course will be held on Wednesdays in the Smith Community Center ballroom. Cost is \$105 or \$15 per week for singles and \$175 or \$25 per week for couples. Students must pay for a minimum of four weeks to register. Balance will be due before the third week of class. For more information, call 926-2105.

Let's Celebrate Summer Bash will be held at Robins Park Aug. 6 from 4 to 9 p.m. This event will include rides, games, prize drawings and fireworks. For more information, call 926-2105.

To have an item listed, send it to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil by 4 p.m. Monday prior to the Friday of intended publication.

NOW PLAYING



Adult tickets are \$3.50; children 11 years old and younger tickets are \$2. Movies start at 7:30 p.m., unless noted. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.

TODAY and SATURDAY

Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith
Ewan McGregor
Hayden Christensen

Three years after the Battle of Geonosis, the Clone Wars are coming to a close. Obi-Wan Kenobi, now a general dispatched by the Republic to bring down remaining separatists Count Dooku and General Grievous. Chancellor Palpatine has become corrupt, proclaiming himself Emperor, and, with Anakin Skywalker's help, begins to turn the Republic into the Galactic Empire. As Anakin ultimately becomes the evil we know as Darth Vader, Padme goes into hiding, and, at the end of one war, another conflict we know all too well is about to begin.

Rated PG-13 (sci-fi violence and some intense images) 146 minutes

COMING SOON

July 8 - The Longest Yard
July 9 - Kicking and Screaming
July 9 - Wedding Crashers
FREE motion picture preview screening - Free passes are available at any AAFES food outlets and Exchange checkout counters Thursday and Friday, July 8. Please arrive early. Seating is available on a first-come, first served basis.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic
Catholic masses are held at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and at a 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Islamic
Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

Jewish
Jewish service is Fridays at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

Orthodox Christian
St. Innocent Orthodox Church service is at the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

Protestant
General services take place Sundays at 11 a.m. The service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and format. Protestant inspirational services take place Sundays at 8 a.m. Contemporary services take place 11 a.m. Sundays at the Base Theater. This service is informal and includes traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

DONATE YOUR LEAVE

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an

approved leave recipient printed in the Robins Rev-Up, wings should send information to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil.

Submissions run for two weeks.
Jimmy Hargis, WRALC/ MANQ. Point of contact is Dianne R Spires at 926-4978.

A beautiful butterfly



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The Base Chapel Vacation Bible School was held June 20-24 at Robins Elementary School. James McCarthy, left, was one of about 200 children who participated in the weeklong program, ‘Kingdom of the Son; The Prayer Safari.’

Robins Elementary School registration being held throughout summer

Parents who are new to and reside on base may register their children in Robins Elementary School from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily. To be eligible for pre-kindergarten, a student must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1; for kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1; and for first

grade, a child must be 6 years old on or before Sept. 1. Students entering school for the first time are required to present a birth certificate, social security number and immunization records. For more information, call 926-5003. School starts Aug. 9.
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Federal managers to sponsor Manager of the Year Award

By **CHRISSY ZDRAKAS**
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The Federal Managers Association’s Chapter 121 is seeking nominations for its Outstanding Federal Manager of the Year Award.

Military and civilian supervisors or managers at all levels are eligible if they have made significant contributions in 2004-2005 toward the achievement of one or more of the following objectives:

- Greater efficiency and cost effectiveness in the federal work force
- Increased productivity and improved quality through innovative management and leadership
- Achievement of greater return on the taxpayers’ investment
- Identification and elimination of fraud, waste and abuse

Sandra Portz, chairman of the FMA awards committee, said any employee, supervisor, manager or organization may submit nominations. A panel of community judges will review the nominations and select the winner or winners.

Nominations must include the following:

- A narrative description in Microsoft Word – no more than two pages, single spaced with no less than one-inch margins at the top, bottom, and sides; use 11-point Arial font. Include local community accomplishments/contributions, workplace accomplishments/contributions and FMA involvement, if applicable.
- A brief biographical sketch not exceeding one page listing nominee’s name, current position, work experience, educational background, organiza-

tional membership, awards and family data.

- Citation not exceeding 90 words.

Any employee, supervisor, manager, military member; person, professional or private

organization approved to operate on Robins; and any directorate, staff office or hosted unit at Robins may submit nominations. Deadline for nominations is July 27. Anyone with questions may contact Ms. Portz at

926-3628. Nomination packages must be delivered to her at 78th ABW/XPP, Building 376, Room 469, or forwarded electronically to sandra.portz@robins.af.mil, no later than close of business July 27.

Security forces donate funds to help memorial

By LANORRIS ASKEW
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In an effort to aid the families of their fallen comrades, the 78th Security Forces Squadron and Air Force Office of Special Investigations presented a \$1,500 check to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center Memorial during a luncheon at the Officers’ Club Monday.

Staff Sgt. Chris McCleskey, 78th Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, said the funds were raised during National Police Week.

“We like to give to the organization that puts money directly back into the families who have lost a loved one in the line of duty,” he said. “The memorial does just that. The money may offset the cost of a funeral or just get them back on their feet.”

The memorial, located in Forsyth, Ga., was established to recognize Georgia’s law enforcement officers, firefight-

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78th Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler



U.S. Air Force photo by LANORRIS ASKEW

The 78th Security Forces Squadron and Air Force Office of Special Investigations presented a \$1,500 check to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center Memorial. From left are Agent Alex Wilds, Staff Sgt. Stephanie McCleskey, Dale Mann, Georgia Public Safety Training Center director, Staff Sgt. Chris McCleskey and Agent Susan Underwood.

ers, corrections officers, emergency medical technicians and Emergency Management Agency personnel who lost their lives in the line of duty.

Dale Mann, Georgia Public

Safety Training Center director, accepted the check on behalf of the training center.

“We promise to be good stewards of this money,” he said. “We appreciate this and if

you ever need anything we are here.”

Agent Alex Wildes, with the AFOSI, said it was a privilege to be a part of the giving process.

“We went out in the community and the businesses were really big about supporting and providing for the golf tournament and that’s how we were able to get the money,” he said. “We were glad to be able to do it.”

A portion of the donation was also made by Maj. Charles A. Moose, of the Washington D.C. Air National Guard and former Montgomery County, Md., police chief who was the lead investigator in the Washington D.C. Beltway Sniper investigation and keynote speaker for the Robins candlelight vigil this year.

Capt. Willie Walker 78th Security Forces Squadron operations commander, and Lt. Col. William Schupp, Air Force Office of Special Investigations commander, were also on hand.

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The Air War College Nonresident Program is looking for eligible officers and federal employees for the 2005-06 seminar program.

If you are interested, you can enroll online at www.au.af.mil/au/awc/awc-ns.htm. Click on the Student Information System link to being the enrollment process. Once you've indicated your preference for seminar, be sure to contact your local Base Education Office at fran.sheridan@robins.af.mil.

The AWC nonresident curriculum closely parallels the resident program, and emphasizes joint operations, senior leadership issues, national security strategy, regional studies, and the employment of air and space power.

Student seminars combine self-study with informal gatherings conducive to adult learning. Not only can you draw knowledge from the course material, but you can exchange concepts and experiences with other sem-

inar members.

The start date, number of members and meeting frequency are left to the seminar members. This program is open to active duty, National Guard, and reserve O-5 selectees or above, of any component of the U.S. Armed Forces, and DoD civilian employees above GS-13.

For more information, call Fran Sheridan, guidance counselor, at 327-7325.

— *From staff reports*

